November 26, 1996 as per State-wise details given below:

| State | No of applications received |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 14 |
| Goa | 1 |
| Gujarat | 4 |
| Haryana | 1 |
| Karnataka | 2 |
| Kerala | 5 |
| Maharashtra | 4 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| National Capital Territory of Delhi | 6 |
| Tamil Nadu | 2 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 4 |
| TOTAL | 44 |

**Misuse of Value Based Advance Licence Scheme**

1883. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fac t that the Value based Advance Licence Schemes is being misused;

(b) if so, the details of the loss sustained by Government till date due to the misuse of the scheme;

(c) the measures adopted by Government to avoid the massive misuse of Value Based Advanced Licence Scheme; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some cases of misuse of Value Based Advance Licence Scheme have been detected. As many cases are still at various stages of investigation/ adjudication, the net loss cannot be quantified.

(c) and (d) Various measures have been taken by the Government to plug the loopholes and to prevent misuse of these schemes. These measures, *inter alia*, include requiring the exporters to discharge their export obligation both in terms of value and quantity of export product under VABAL, modification of Sensitive List by placing some items in the said list which attract zero to 10% duty, and those which constitute upto 2% by weight or quantity in export product, imposition of Addle Customs duty on inputs imported under VABAL Scheme, explicitly providing for computation of CIF value of inputs with reference to their international prices. The procedure for verification of availment of MODVAT in respect of inputs used for manufacture of export product has also been streamlined.

**Large Scale Loss of Shares of Indian Tobacco Company**

1884. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of large scale loss of shares of Indian Tobacco Company and diversion of funds to criminal elements through utilisation of these stolen documents;

(b) whether there is ground for suspecting that such a large scale pilferage and diversion of documents took place with the help of parties within the ITC; and

(c) the remedial action Government propose for the prevention of irregularities of this nature?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Raids by Excise Departments on Companies of Modern Group**

1885. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Excise Department has recently raided the